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ISTRICT CROPPINGS

nd Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Dave Angus is down from the Paradise ine for his health's sake.

G. A. Starke made a business trip to olden on the Ptarmigan Sunday, re-rning to Wilmer by Tuesday's boat.

H. G. Parson came up from Golden on he Ptarmigan Saturday to look after his usiness interest in Wilmer, returning n the same boat.

R. Patton has cleared off about five cres of land back of his Wilmer resid-ence and will plant it in vegetables. It s a great improvement to that end of he town.

S. Brewer came down from Fairmont last week and cheered-up the inhabit-ants of the various towns. Wonder why he left Wilmer at 5 a.m.?—nothing has been missed.

Our readers are responding generously o the special rate arrangment we have ade with The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean whereby for $2 50 both it and this paper may had for one year. This is a big special deal.

Miners are scarce all over Kootenay and although the Paradise has sent word to the Cœur de 'Alenes yet men do not come. At Sandon over 100 miners are being advertised for and other places are having the same trouble.

The meeting called for next Saturday evening by the Political Information Committee gives promise of being well attended as a certain amount of mystery surrounds the objects of this new political organization, even the ladies are considering the advisabiiity of attending.

Don't forget the dance tomorrow (Friday) night, in the Wilmer Conservative Hall. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of a piano to be used at public gatherings and already several good subscriptions have been received for this purpose. All are invited to attend the dance.

Edwin Andreen came down from the Paradise mine last week and intends to work on his ranch at the 7-mile post on Horse Thief road. He says he has worked in mines in all parts of the world and that he believes that the Paradise will prove a good mine as he had a good opportunity to judge the ground while at work there.

Manager W. Haylmore left town last week with two men to start work on the Pretty Girl group of mineral claims, situated on Law creek. The work done last fall uncovered a big showing of good grade ore and it is now intended to sack the ore and pack out a few hundred sacks for a trial shipment, while packing up supplies. This is a most promising property and shows signs of paying from the grass-roots.

G. O. Buchanan, superintendent of Federal lead bounties, is quoted as saying that the Kootenay mine owners had already received $121,000 in bounties—the production for the nine months elapsed of the fiscal year being 8,000 tons of metallic lead. The resumption of the St. Eugene and other mines, is expected to bring the production up to 15,000 tons in the remaining three months of the fiscal year. The previous year's total was slightly over 9,000 tons, so that the bounty has already had a marked effect.

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The Bear is evidently not a sea-bird.—Toronto Globe.

A Golden boy was left in the parlor with his sister's caller one evening last week and in a short time gave out a lot of information. The caller asked: "And you say your sister is skittish and nervous? I suppose she would jump at a mouse?" The little fellow replied: "I don't know 'bout her jumpin' at a mouse, but I have heard her tell ma that she would jump at a proposal—whatever that is."

Mr. Kilburn, Superintendent of Banks in the State of New York, at a recent convention of financial experts stated that he was "unqualifiedly in favor of State control not only of trust companies, but of all Institutions of a financial nature which invite the public confidence and deal with the people's money. This control should be sufficiently comprehensive to regulate organization, provide ample supervision, and restrict investment in a way that will conserve, in so far as human ingenuity can provide, the interests of the public."

A Victoria despatch states that the Provincial Government received a deputation of the island railway promoters, who asked for a subsidy of $10,000 cash and 5,000 acres of land per mile for the construction of a line of railway from Cowichan to the northern end of the Island, with ferry connection with Port Angeles. The Government declined to consider any such subsidy. This shows to some little extent that the McBride Government does not intend to give any land to railway construction and if it holds to this policy it deserves much credit.

Rough on the bridge whist. A Cambridge Springs, Pa., despatch says that most of the chess masters about to participate in the forthcoming international chess masters' tournament, at the Hotel Rydner, arrived here yesterday. In the evening an official reception was held. The principal speaker was Colonel Neil Ardon Flood. He referred to bridge whist as that high educational game of fashion which challenges the feminine intellects, attracts wives and mothers from their own fireside, and serves as a stepping-tone to divorce with alimony. The Colonel will do well to keep away from Wilmer if he values the hair on his head.

The Committee on Agriculture of the Ottawa Government have had some real "hot" meetings. At one meeting Mr. Kidd charged Mr. Frank Oliver, of Edmonton, with desiring a witness to make a false statement. Promptly, with menacing movement towards his accuser, Mr. Oliver shouted, "You are a liar!" Of course, every person present was shocked. "It would take half a regiment of Boers in Africa to keep order," the chairman calmly remarked and ruled that both members were out of order, and that Mr. Kidd, being the aggressor, should withdraw his language first. Mr. Kidd, however, demurred for some time and the committee finally took silence on both sides as consent. This is a new and improved style of apology and will help many a politician out of trouble. For instance, it will be of great value to John Houston in the Legislature.

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St. Petersburg, May 3.—It is reported by Karapatkin to the Emperor under date of today that from 3,000 to 4,000 men were killed in the fight on the Yula river.

St. Petersburg, May 4.—Admiral Alexieff reports that an unsuccessful attempt was made tonight by the Japanese to blockade Port Arthur. The Russians sank eight fire ships and also two Japanese Torpedo boats. The Russians saved several Japanese officers and sailors.

McBride's Chance

To Wipe Out Entire Public Debt of the Province by Selling Flathead Coal and Oil Lands

Just now great interest is taken in the coal lands of the Flathead and as our member, Mr. W. C. Wells, played so conspicuous a part in saving these coal lands for the province it is of special interest in this riding as to the next move in the deal. Commenting on the matter the Spokesman-Review of Spokane makes the following interesting remarks:

The great question still agitating Canadian mining circles is: What will the McBride Government in British Columbia do with regard to the 600,000 acres of coal and oil lands in East Kootenay, in which Spokane men are heavily interested? These are the coal and oil lands part of which were at one time granted to the Canadian Pacific Railway, but the grant was recinded at the last session of the Legislature. When the act went before the federal authorities for the final approval the minister of justice reserved it for future consideration because of the objections raised by the railway company, who claimed that its title was affected. So far no official announcement has been made as to whether the Dominion Government intends to disallow the act taking the land away from the railway company, but Ottawa despatches have stated that the measure will not be interfered with. It is of interest to note, however, that in the current issue of the official British Columbia Gazette the only reference to the bill is the announcement concerning reservation for the purpose of further consideration. However, if the disallowance is not adopted by May 1, the act becomes a British Columbia law unchallengeable by the Federal authorities, their consideration time expiring on that date.

Premier McBride has stated in a letter to George A. Fraser, M.P.P. of Grand Forks, the course his Government intends to pursue in regard to the coal and oil lands. He wrote:

"Immediately after this date (June 26) we propose to deal with the lands in question as though the same had always been vacant crown lands and will then recognize all valid legal locations according to their priority, including those now in existance. We will not, however, assume the responsibility of deciding conflicting claims."

The Bride Government is placed in a remarkable and rather unhappy position in dealing with these lands. If it follows the course the Premier has indicated it will give license at a comparatively small rental for lands which it is claimed, if put up to public tender, would furnish the means of wiping out the entire public debt of the province, which is several million dollars. On the other hand, those who have applied for coal and oil prospecting licenses will consider themselves badly used if they are not given priority in locations. Many of these people are Americans. To further mix the matter up it is stated that a number of Canadian prospectors applied to purchase some of the land shortly after the reserve was placed on it and before the Americans made their applications. The Canadians were turned down, but since then a large number of Spokane people and other Americans have filled the British Columbia Gazette with notices of their intention to apply for licenses. Some one is sure to kick however the matter is disposed of.

PROVINCIAL LANDS

Departmen Will Not Act Harshly With Debtors

Victoria Colonist: It is satisfactory to find that, as the real facts are becoming understood, the action that the Government has announced it intends to take in regard to lands upon which payments are in arrears, is meeting with general approval. . . . Now that the matter is coming to be understood, the Government is being commended for the course it is taking. It is realized that it is entirely in the interests of the Province and that the results of it will also accrue to the advantage of prospective settlers, while those who fulfil the conditions on which they took up their land are not prejudiced. . . . No one really supposes that in dealing with those who are in default on their payments, the Department will act arbitrarily or harshly. Every individual case will be considered and determined on its merits. But in this respect it should be understood that the Government really intends to require a reasonable compliance with the law, and, therefore, if there are some who consider that they can continue to presume on similarly tardy action by the Department in the future to that which has prevailed in the past, they may have reason to find that they have made a serious mistake.

There is a sum running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars due to the Government for payments on land, either purchased or pre-empted. . . . Now the Legislature will be able to get some approximate idea of what is likely to be derived by the treasury from these arrears. In hundreds of cases the lands have been abandoned by the pre-emptors or purchasers for various reasons. But as there has been no formal cancellation of the fillings or records, these lands are not open for settlement by others. The result, it will easily be seen, must be detrimental to the public interests. At a time when there are enquiries for land coming from prospective settlers, that will be an important matter and will undoubtedly lead to an extension of settlement beyond what would otherwise be possible.

Any government may incur some unpopularity by its attempt to administer a law which has been suffered to fall into abeyance, and it was to be expected that the present administration would come in for some adverse criticism apart from that which its political opponents might attempt. But we are sure that the better the matter is understood, the greater and more general will be the approval of the Government's action, which, in every respect, is calculated to benefit the general provincial interests as well as the prospective settler.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Tokio, May 1—The 12th Division of the Japanese army forced a crossing of the Yalu river, above Wie Ju, just before dawn Saturday morning. The Russians left flank has been turned and a general attack began at dawn. The Japanese captured Chen Teu Chang, ten miles north of Antung, which is regarded as the key to the Russian position on the right bank of the Yalu river. It is expected that the Russians will retreat to Feng Hwan Chang, which is on the road to Liao Yong.

St. Petersburg, May 1.—The general staff account of the operations on the Yalu river today is as follows: At 4 o'clock this a.m., May 1st, Japanese field batteries with 47 guns opened a terrible fire on our position at Turen Chen and on our troops posted near Pattutusky. The overwhelming superiority of the Japs in artillery and the big heavy losses there inflicted on our troops accupying these positions made it clear that it was impossible to hold the troops, who were ordered to retire from Turen Chen, while still holding the Pattutusky road. When General Lassulitch despatched his telegram today the Russian troops were retreating in good order from Turen Chen and Schakhedzey to their second position and the battle was continuing at Pattutasky and Tchung.

London, May 2.—A Seoul correspondent says that after the Japanese charge, which resulted in the occupation of the Russian lines at Chen Tun Chang yesterday the Russians fell back in confusion. The Japanese, the despatch continues, have now secured a firm foothold on the Manchurian side of the Yula river. The Admiralty at Takio cables particulars of an engagement between Japanese gunboats and some torpedo-boats and the Russian batteries on the Yula, in which the latter was silenced, as was the Russian infantry and artillery at An Tung. The Russians are said to have fired An Tang and fled. There were no Japanese casualities.

St. Petersburg, May 2.—Beyond the fact of the retreat of the Russians to An Tung before the overwheming superiority of the Japanese no further details have been received of yesterday's engagement. It is quite possible the loss on both sides—200 Japanese and 800 Russians in the week's fighting is correct.

St. Peterburg, May 3.—A member of the general staff discussing the fight on the Yula stated that the issues as to the loss of the guns probably turned upon whether the order to withdraw was given at the proper time. A slight delay at a critical moment might have enabled enemy's vastly superior artillery to concentrate on the Russian guns, killing the horses and gunners and compelling the abandonment of the guns. The Russians will not be charged by accidental loss. Gen. Lassulitch will continue his retreat through a hilly country exactly suited to the Russian tactics if opposed by the enemy's advance.

Tokio, May 2—Admiral Kamimura reports that the impenetrable fog twice forced the abandonment of the attack upon Vladivostock and twice spared the Russians squadron a sea fight.

Tokio, May 2.—Admiral Hasaya reports that the torpedo boat flotilla, which went up the river found Antung burning. Natives stated that the Russians set it on fire and retreated.

Fernie, May 4.—It is now estimated that the total loss as a result of Friday's fire will aggregate $750,000, with insurance about one-third that amount. The Trites-Wood Co. were heavy lossers, they lost their entire store valued at $150,000.

London, May 3.—The Cheffoo correspondent of the Daily Chronicle sends the following under Tuesday's date: "The Japanese landed troops and captured New Chwang last evening, the Russians falling back to protect the railway."

A Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held next Saturday evening, May 7th, at 8 o'clock, in the Wilmer Conservative Hall, by the Political Information Committee. The meeting is called by twenty committee members and all of its supporters to make public its intentions and objects.

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Murder Among Nations

The despatches tell us that the Petropavlovsk sank in two minutes after the explosion. Whether internal or external, the explosives seem literally to have torn the splendid fabric asunder. "The hot steam which scalded the men on deck." the despatch says, "indicated what must have been the character of the death met by those in the engine room. The men on deck were thrown in all directions, those falling into the watter swimming and grasping the wreckage vomited up in the vortex which caused the sinking of the ship." Seven hundred men in the prime and vigor of manhood were thus in the twinkling of an eye sent to their account. When such fearful catastrophes are caused by uncontrollable natural agencies—by fire, shipwreck, earthquake, or volcanic eruption—whole continents mourn. We seek, perhaps vainly, to prevent their recurrence, and every humane spirit goes out in sympathy for the homes desolated and the hearts broken beyond our control.

How much more is it to be deplored when we consider that this hideous event is brought about not by forces over which man has no control, but actually by his contrivance? This is war in its real and unadorned aspect, remarks the Toronto Globe. No heroic courage, no patriotic endurance of the immenent image of death, but just such a repulsive banquet of bruised flesh and blood as a convulsion of the elements sometimes offers up to the genius of slaughter. And this is modern warfare, increasing in its possibilities of awful carnage until men will not in future die singly but in hecatombs. Where is it to end? Has humanity no hope of progress in this direction? Is altruism to grow in every other sphere, only to be absolutely abolished in war? Is science to exhaust the secrets of the universe in her search for means of alleviating pain and prolonging life, and at the same time to exercise an equal ingenuity in destroying it? To consider so would be in a measure to abandon hope. To talk of civilization while wholesale murder is still the study of the nations is a mockery.

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A young lady in Toronto writes The Outcrop seeking information, saying her "Papa is a subscriber and talks an awful lot of going to see your valley when he has more time to spare." Confidentially the young maiden tells us she is soon to be married and wants to know, among numerous other questions, "Would not the Columbia valley be a delightfuly place to spend our honeymoon in?" Why, certainly it would be. No nicer place could be found in the world for the purpose. It's an ideal valley for that. The nights are cool and lovely, while the days are just hot enough to keep pure love at the right temperature. Here the young couple could spend an ideal honeymoon far from the city's din, admire nature in all its beauty and solitude, while they two could camp in the valley by the placid waters and climb the rugged muntains to their snow-capped peaks. What more sublime can young lovers seek or even imagin? Strange the idea of advertising this valley as "The Paradise for Honeymooners" had not occurred to us before. It opens a new and popular resource that has been dorman all these years.

Now that it is quite probable that there will be a Dominion election this fall the electors of British Columbia should study politics. It has been proven during the past four years that the people of this province have interests in Dominion politics that need their attention--their best and very gravest attention. Previously there was not the attention given Dominion politics that should have been given, and as a result this province has suffered. Everyone now recognizes that in order to have our lead mines worked continuously the Dominion Government must make laws that will give the Canadian miner the same privileges and standing as the American miners enjoy. To get these laws enacted every voter will have an opportunity of expressing his wants through the ballot.

The voter must decide whether the Conservative party will do more for B. C. than the Liberal party.

The fact that the voter's father was a Liberal or a Conservative should have nothing to do with the coming election. Few of our fathers ever lived in B. C. and they knew nothing about silver-lead mining or other conditions in this province. This is hackney, yet it needs publicity until proper attention results.

Another point that is well-known but seldom, if ever, seen in print, is that so many foreigners have taken out their papers as citizens of Canada during the past few years that a special effort should be made to teach them something of Canadian politics. It is well-known that their knowledge, generally speaking, of politics in this country is meagre. The wonder is that neither of the two great parties have not published a concise history of their respective parties and placed them in the hands of each individual so soon as they become citizens or before.

Charity and patriotism should begin at home, and, therefore, the people of this province should look on things political from a material point of view, and not from a sentimental point. If the voter can accept the promises of the Liberals and they are the best for the province he should vote and work for that party. But if the Conservative party will do more, then each voter owes it to himself and the province to support it.

British Columbia has within its boundaries more natural wealth than any other province in the whole Dominion and the only thing that has kept it back from being the most progressive and prosperous is the unnatural conditions its resources have been surrounded with.

The people resident in this province are more to blame for these unnatural conditions than any others, in that they have not taken the interest in the governments that they should. There is the excuse of being a new country and inexperience of the needs of mining, but then the experience of our neighbors to the south should have been taken advantage of.

The first thing necessary is to interest the voters of B. C. in the interests of B. C. It is the duty of every voter to help build up this province on a business basis and not to allow sentimental whims to sway the destiny of so great and promising a country.

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AS THE FIORDS OF NORWAY.

Newfoundland's Picturesque Coast Line Described by an Enthusiast—May Be in Canada Some Day.

Newfoundland has a unique, important and commanding position. It is at no great distance from the North American continent, and practically stretches across the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In shape it is quite roughly triangular, and its longest distance across in any direction is only about 216 miles. In approaching the island one is impressed with the thought that it is pretty completely 'rock bound,' which to a great extent proves to be a stubborn fact, but so varied in character as to render it exceedingly picturesque and interesting, says W. H. Yeamans in Country Gentleman.

The entire coast is indented with bays of various shapes and sizes—in some instances these extend so far into land as to almost meet from different directions, leaving only a very narrow isthmus for the connection of the land. In the larger of the bays there are many islands, giving in some instances as great variety and equal beauty as is found in the Thousand Islands of the St. Lawrence River. The general surface is as varied as the coast line, and presents almost every imaginable condition of land surface; mountains, hills and valleys abound, gorges, gulches and ravines, through which rush streams of water; lakes and rivers are numerous, and add to the beauty of the general landscape. If there is enjoyment in traversing and exploring the fiords of Norway, it can be duplicated in sailing in and about the bays and coast indentations of Newfoundland.

If the coast is rough and rugged, it is also picturesque and grand almost beyond description in some instances; nor is there uniformity in any line; in one case the cliffs and mountains will present a surface of bare rough rock; in another there will be sufficient soil upon the rock to sustain a growth of forest that presents a beautiful appearance in the various shades of the foliage; in still another case the hills will be rounded in form, well covered with soil, that has an abundance of herbage for cows or goats.

Within a few years there has been established various lines for steamboat travel, taking in all the principal bays, along a greater part of the coast of the island to Nova Scotia and to Labrador. The trips on and about the bays can be taken upon good steamers in a leisurely manner with stops between if desired.

Not a great time back in the past, settlements were confined almost exclusively to the seacoast, where the chief industry, fishing, was carried on, and is to a great extent at the present day; but quite recently little villages have sprung up in the interior on the line of the railway, induced by the establishment of the industries of lumbering and mining, the latter of which is assuming great importance.

Because of the interesting natural features of Newfoundland, taken in connection with the fishing and mining industries, that are an interesting study, and considering the delightful climate that the summer months afford, makes it a delightful resort for the weeks or months when the extreme heat of New England or middle states cities becomes almost unbearable. It is then that a trip upon one of the bays calls into use medium weight clothing and wraps, as experience has proved.

A. W. Wright Reminiscent.

Mr. A. W. Wright, Conservative organizer, who was a resident of Dufferin in 1854, half a century ago, was present at the recent annual gathering of Dufferin Old Boys in Toronto. President Kyles called upon Mr. Wright for a speech, and he regaled the audience with reminiscences of those early days, when the pioneers were hewing out homes for themselves in the woods. He remembered distinctly when the long-drawn howl of the wolf was a common sound in Dufferin county. The settlers of Dufferin were a sturdy rugged race, and no wonder was it that their sons had achieved success and fame in the various walks of life. Mr. Wright referred to his old school teacher, Dr. Frame, of Mono Centre, who had died at the age of 100 years. A kindly man he was, and only once was known to thrash a boy. He had not a first-class nor yet a second-class certificate, but he was second to none of the teachers of the present day, although there was no James L. Hughes to look over them at that time.

Death of Abbe Casgrain.

Rev. Abbe H. Raymond Casgrain, the well known author of valuable literary and historical works, and formerly president of the Royal Society of Canada, died at Quebec recently, aged 75. He was, according to Morgan, a son of the late Hon. Charles E. Casgrain, and brother of Senator Hon. Charles E. Casgrain. Born at River Ouelle, December 16, 1831, he was educated at Ste. Anne's College, Quebec, and at the Quebec Seminary. He was for a time priest at the Basilica, Quebec, visited Europe in 1858, 1867 and 1873 in quest of historical material, and found many valuable manuscripts relating to early Canadian history, among them the journals and papers of Marechal de Levis, and some personal papers of Montcalm. In 1874 he was compelled, owing to a serious affection of his eyes, to give up ministerial work. In 1877 he received the degree of LL.D. from Laval, and in 1889 was President of the Royal Society of Canada.

Tree Within a Tree.

At Moulton, South Lincolnshire, England, there is a willow tree which in consequence of having been beheaded and having reached an old age has become hollow and rotten. From a seed which has dropped into the hollow a healthy sycamore tree has grown to a height of ten feet.

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A VALUABLE PAPER.

Legislative Proceedings of the First Session of Upper Canada.

In a recent report to the Legislature, Mr. Pardee, the Legislative Librarian, stated that he believed copies of parts at least of the missing journals of the early years of the Upper Canada Assembly and Council might be found among the papers of some of the older families. The suggestion has produced excellent fruit. The other day Mr. Christopher Robinson, K.C., delivered to the Librarian a manuscript of the first session of the first Parliament in Upper Canada in 1792, in the handwriting of Angus McDonell, Clerk of the House. The manuscript was accompanied by a letter from Hon. Alex. McDonell, ex-Speaker of the Legislature, to Chief Justice Powell, dated in 1821, committing the document to the care of the Chief Justice and showing by its terms that even at the early date the absence of printed records was already beginning to be felt. Hon. A. McDonell was Speaker from 1805 to 1812, and C. J. Powell held his office from 1816 to 1825. This manuscript seems to have passed with his papers to his successor, Mr. Campbell, and from the latter to the next incumbent of this office, Hon. John Beverley Robinson, afterwards Sir J. B. Robinson, Bart, father of Christopher Robinson, K.C., the donor.

The document is a most interesting and valuable one. Mr. Pardee says that from a rapid inspection he is convinced that the M.S.S. is fully entitled to be called the original journal, so far as there was (or is) anything that can be called the original journal. Except this MSS. there is no other record of the proceedings of the House save the copy which had to be sent to the Colonial Office in London, and has heretofore been supposed to be the only record extant. A hasty comparison of the two gives reasonable grounds for believing that the Colonial Office copy was copied from Mr. McDonell's MSS., as the former is somewhat condensed here and there.

It is known from some entries in the accounts that a short time after 1792 the House began printing its journals from day to day, much in the same way as is done at present and a few of the daily numbers have come down, but previous to 1825-26 there was no yearly volume, and even the Colonial Office copy of the MSS. for some years has disappeared. It is supposed that the vessels carrying them were captured by French or American cruisers.

Mr. Christopher Robinson also presented to the library the following interesting papers:

A table of precedence in Upper Canada, taken from a rough copy, corrected by Hon. John Elmsley, Chief Justice, in 1797.

A statement showing expense of administration of justice for 1820; the original document as laid before the House.

A British-Canadian Extra of 7th August, 1815, being a map of Canada West, showing the route of the proposed railway from Toronto to Sarnia.

Following is the letter from Alex. McDonell referred to above.

"York, March 21, 1821.

"My dear sir: You will probably smile at my transmitting to you the accompanying document. The only importance, if any, that can attach to it is that it is the first journal of the first Parliament of Upper Canada, of which neither the original nor any other copy is now in existence. The whole is in the handwriting of my deceased brother, Angus. Some years hence the perusal of it cannot fail of being interesting, and to your charge I feel a gratification in committing it—mum, as to the clerk and chaplain. Believe me, my dear sir, ever yours, with great respect and affection.

"Alex. McDonell.

"The Hon. the Chief Justice.

Late for the Party.

Mr. Harry Gummer, well known among the newspaper fraternity of Canada as proprietor of The Guelph Herald and all-round good fellow, held a card party the other evening at his residence, Waterloo avenue, Guelph. Among the guests was a well known Brantford physician—Dr. Blank, for convenience.

The evening was a merry one, and the hours slipped by quickly, says The Toronto Star. The train that Dr. Blank was to arrive on was due in Guelph at 5.50, and when 8.30 came, and the resident from the Telephone City did not arrive, it was feared he had missed the train or been delayed by the storm.

Two-thirty found Mr. Gummer turning down the gas and preparing to retire, and "When the lights had fled, the garlands dead, and all but he departed," there was a loud ringing of the door-bell.

Mr. Gummer put his head out the window above.

"Hello!"

"Hello, yourself!"

"Well."

"It's me."

"Who's me?"

"Dr. Blank."

In a moment the door was open and Dr. Blank was inside. It took him nearly 24 hours to thaw out as he had left the train five miles out of Guelph and walked in over the snow-drifts.

Wide Range of the Moose.

The range of the moose in North America is of enormous extent, from Nova Scotia in the extreme east, throughout Canada and certain of the northern United States to the limits of tree growth in the west and north of Alaska. Throughout this vast extent of territory but two species are recognized—the common moose, Alces americanus, and the Alaskan moose, Alces gigas, of the Kenai peninsula—but it is probable that further exploration will bring to light another species near the head waters of the Liard River and the Sassiar Mountains of British Columbia and still another farther north in the neighborhood of the Colville river.—Field and Stream.

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Have shared my heart's secret since my darling loves me,

The sun on the mountain, the star on the sea,
Are more in my vision since my darling loves me.
My brothers and sisters of ev'ry degree,
I am joined to your fortunes since my darling loves me.

The angels in Heaven, and God—even He—
Are more to my liking since my darling loves me.
Wide earth has no purpose and life has no plea,
But that I love my darling, and my darling loves me.

—Albert E. S. Smythe, in Toronto Sunday World.

LATE MOLYNEUX ST. JOHN.

Sketch of the Late Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Molyneux St. John, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, who died at St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa, recently of Bright's disease, had suffered for four years, and his death was hastened by an attack of grippe. Mr. St. John is not known to have had any kindred in Canada.

It would be a difficult task to convey an exact impression of the fact that in the work-a-day world of Canadian journalism and politics, Molyneux St. John wore at all times the panoply of a gentleman. That impression could have been created only in personal contact with the man himself. There it was never missing. He followed reserve to the point of taciturnity, except with his intimates, and even his intimates were unable to break quite through the crust of his personality. Now that he is gone to the place where the clean man is sure of his reward, it may be said of him that he was plainly a man of sorrows, not such sorrows as a clean man could ever prate about, but sorrows none the less. He was a son of honorable and noble English stock. He came to Canada some 25 years ago, and was editorial writer for The Toronto Globe, The Montreal Herald and The Winnipeg Free Press. As a journalist he held always to the higher ideals. A Liberal, even a Radical, in politics, he labored with his subordinates for the observance of the dictates of fair debate. On the walls of the Press Gallery at Ottawa, of which he was president in 1888, his portrait has an honored place, and in Ottawa, as in other Canadian cities where his work lay, there are many journalists to pay tribute to the value of his example in professional and personal conduct. Upon his retirement from active journalism about the time of the accession of the Liberals to power in 1896, he entered the service of the Government as author of the literature which assisted so largely in the furtherance of the emigration policy of the past seven years.

Mr. St. John's (he pronounced his name in the English fashion "Sinjun") appointment to the position which he had at the time of his death imposed on him a form of duty which he never found congenial. At the same time he was able to lend something of his personal dignity to a post which, in the present scheme of things Canadian, has sometimes seemed ridiculous. It is a fact that to the last he yearned for a fitting opportunity to return to the field of his journalistic usefulness. It was about ten years ago when Mr. St. John lost his dearly beloved wife. At that time he was living in Montreal. He was crossing St. Catharine street arm-in-arm with Mrs. St. John, when a runaway horse picked her from his grasp and killed her instantly. It was weeks before he realized the nature of his loss. From its effects he never recovered. He was a favorite at all the higher social functions in Ottawa during the past few years, but his heart was evidently elsewhere. Mr. St. John had seen military service in China, enjoyed a shrievalty in the West for some time and in the early nineties had charge of the advertising branch of the Canadian Pacific. He retained to the last a keen interest in Imperial affairs, and his occasional letters to the press during the closing of his days were devoted to the correction of some one or other of the more glaring forms of popular error.

Mr. St. John was a son of the late Major St. John, of the 52nd Regiment, a Waterloo veteran. He had two sisters, one of whom was married to Sir Francis Burnand, editor of Punch, and the other to Richard Bell, manager of the famous Cobham stud in Surrey. His wife, whose stage name was Kate Ranoe, was the daughter of a Devonshire clergyman, and a most charming, refined woman.

An Estimate of Sir Gilbert Parker.

The London correspondent of an American paper writes: It often seems that we are losing our great men, and finding no young men of the same calibre to fill their places. But, of course, it isn't so. Among the young men in politics whose promise seems great just now, I might name Sir Gilbert Parker, who is fighting hard for tariff-reform, supported valiantly by his constituency, and I should not be surprised to see him given a Ministerial post before many years have passed. Then there is Winston Churchill, who is fighting for the other side, though, perhaps, he lacks somewhat in breadth of view and in thoroughgoing sanity. Lloyd George is another young man in politics whose great talent as a speaker will yet make his name well known on both sides of the Atlantic.

Stewed Prunes.

Here is a prize recipe for stewed prunes, given by a California fruit growing association: Wash the prunes in several waters, nearly cover with water and allow to stand overnight. Simmer over a slow fire until tender. Do not put in any sugar until before the prunes are done.

COMING FROM CALGARY

Excursion Up the Columbia This Month

With his customery enterprise Capt. F. P. Armstrong has arranged with a number of Calgary sportsmen to make up an excursion party and make a trip up the Columbia river on the steamer Ptarmigan. The Captain gave The Outcrop reporter a letter to read from a prominent Calgary sportsman, which stated that at the time of writing about 20 men had signified their willingness to make the trip and that they would arrange to leave Calgary about the middle of May, and would be prepared to shoot revolvers, rifles and shootguns with any one at Golden or at any point along the river to Windermere. They evidently mean to have a good time as the writer says, "Nothing but 'Scotch' is to be drank throughout the trip."

The people of this district should now get together and prepare to give these excursionists a hearty reception.

It is stated that R. S. Gallop has let a contract to cut timber on his Dutch creek timber limits.

A report is current that the Columbia River Lumber Co. has secured from the C.P.R. the right to all the timber from No. 2 creek to Canal Flat that was not previously taken up. The report is we are informed correct.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a special license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, situate in North East Kootenay:

To Wit: Commencing at a post planted on the north side of Jumbo Fork of Toby creek, [illegible] chains from the creek and about two miles from its mouth, thence westerly following the course of the stream 320 chains, thence southerly 40 chains, thence easterly following the course of the stream 320 chains, thence northerly 40 chains to place of commencement.

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